CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: "The Record"

Other known title(s): Zooskool - Stray-X - All 8 Dogs - Preview.avi

OFLC ref: 1001788.025

Medium: Computer Moving Image File

Director: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: English

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification: Objectionable.

Excisions: No excisions recommended

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 15 December 2010

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

	Components	Running time
Feature(s):	"The Record"	26:17
Total running time:		26:17

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer moving image file depicts a woman performing a range of sexual acts with dogs. The publication can have no other purpose than to encourage the viewer to become sexually aroused by these depictions.

The Classification Office has considered the effects of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 on the application of the classification criteria. The classification of this publication interferes with freedom of expression, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act

1993 are deemed to be objectionable. The classification is also a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications that promote and support bestiality.